

Owens sits again

This time, Eagles star receiver Terrell Owens has a groin pull, and coach Andy Reid says he's not faking it. **NFL Roundup, 4D.**

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Gunter 1939-2005



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From staff and wire reports

BATON ROUGE, La. — Mississippi native Sue Gunter, the Hall of Famer who ranks third in all-time women's collegiate basketball coaching victories, died Thursday at age 66.

LSU officials said Gunter, who had suffered from emphysema, died at her

home in Baton Rouge.

Gunter, a Walnut Grove native, had a career record of 708-308, including a 442-221 mark in 22 seasons at LSU. She was not credited for two years at Middle Tennessee, when her teams were 44-0, or her first four years at Stephen F. Austin, because official records were never turned over to the NCAA.

Even with the six missing years, Gunter ranks third in wins and games coached and fourth in 20-win seasons (21). Among women's college coaches, only Ten-

nessee's Pat Summitt and Texas' Jody Conradt have more victories than Gunter.

Gunter, who was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2000 and the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame in 2003, was voted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2005.

Michael Rubenstein, executive director of the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame & Museum, compared Gunter's career "in many ways" to that of Hall of Famer

See GUNTER, 3D

Hall of Fame numbers

40

Years of collegiate coaching between Middle Tennessee, Stephen F. Austin and LSU.

708

Career collegiate victories, placing her third in NCAA history.

4

Number of times coached a U.S. National or Olympic team.

Gunter: Selected as coach for 1980 U.S. Olympic team

From 1D

Margaret Wade, who coached women's basketball into prominence at Delta State in the 1970s.

"Her story runs parallel to the changes in the game and its popularity," Rubenstein said.

Gunter played college basketball for Nashville Business College, then 40 years later coached an LSU team that reached the Final Four.

"She played in front of nobody for a sport hardly known," Rubenstein said. "Then when she finished at LSU, she was coaching a nationally prominent team for a national championship in front of 20,000 fans."

Gunter went on medical leave during the 2003-04 season, and watched as protege Pokey Chatman led the Lady Tigers to their first Final Four.

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